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The reply brief filed 18 April 2007 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.


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APPELLANTS' REPLY BRIEF

APPELLANTS: Eberler et al. CONFIRMATION NO. 3538
SERIAL NO.: 10/726,251 GROUP ART UNIT: 3671
FILED: December 2, 2003 EXAMINER: Tara L. Mayo
TITLE: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR INSTALLING AND REMOVING A
STRUCTURAL COMPONENT OF AN MR APPARATUS

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S I R:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §41.41, Appellants herewith submit their Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer dated February 21, 2007. This Reply Brief will reply to the statements of the Examiner in the Response to Argument section of the Examiner's Answer, beginning at page 9.

In response to Appellants' arguments that the combination of Heinold et al., Reimann and Carper et al. fails to teach a structural component that is separate from the patient support apparatus, the Examiner stated that the Heinold et al. reference teaches a structural component that is separate from the patient support apparatus, because the Examiner contends that the connection of the structural component and the patient supporting apparatus does not preclude them from being separate or individual members.

Appellants would agree with this statement of the Examiner if the alleged "connection" of the relevant components in the Heinold et al. reference was a type of connection that could be disassembled or even broken. Appellants submit, however,